

*United States Court of Appeals  
for the Second Circuit*



**APPELLEE'S BRIEF**



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To be argued by  
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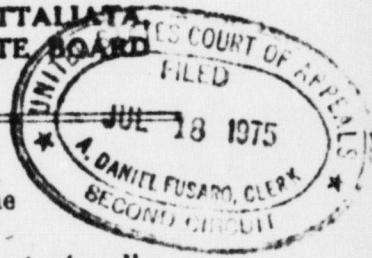
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In so far as this appeal may be deemed, even indirectly, to attempt to review the 1974 judgment of the three-judge Court in the Southern District of New York (379 F. Supp. 73), dismissing the plaintiffs' attack upon the constitutionality of the Wilson-Pakula law (N.Y. Election Law, § 137), plaintiffs' appeal is belated; and is taken to the wrong Court.

Review of the judgment of the three-judge Court dismissing plaintiffs' claim that the statute was unconstitutional should have been sought in the United States Supreme Court (*Goosby v. Osser*, 409 U.S. 512 [1973]), when such review would have been timely and not academic.



The three-judge Court's decision was not restricted to an issue of standing. *Cf. Gonzalez v. Automatic Employees Credit Union*, 419 U.S. 90 (1974).

The Board of Elections, not being a partisan involved in the internal dispute arising from plaintiffs' allegations concerning New York State Liberal Party practices, need not respond herein to other issues which the plaintiffs seek to present.

### CONCLUSION

**The appeal to this court should be dismissed, for lack of jurisdiction, in so far as it is taken against the members of the State Board of Elections and seeks to resurrect the issue of the constitutionality of New York Election Law, § 137.**

Dated: July 16, 1975.

Respectfully submitted,  
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